

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 1 is allowable and for indicating that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-4 were pending in this application. By way of this reply, claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1 and 4 are now pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4 are independent.

Claim Amendments

Independent claim 4 has been amended by way of this reply to be independent form. Accordingly, claim 4, as amended, is allowable. No new subject matter has been added by way of these amendments, as support for these amendments may be found, for example, in the claims.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 102**Claims 2 and 3**

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,903,779 issued to Dyer. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 3

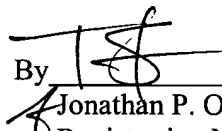
Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,959,687 issued to Dinwiddie *et al.* Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04995/111001).

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